

## **Mississippi's First District Congressional Art Competition Winner Visits Congressman Childers in Washington, Attends Ceremony**

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Washington, DC – The First District winner of the 2010 Congressional Art Competition came to Washington, DC this week to visit Congressman Travis Childers (MS-01) and attend the competition's awards ceremony today. Brad McWhirter of Tupelo was awarded the trip to Washington with his parents after winning the competition for his photograph entitled "Never Out of Style," which is now displayed in a high-traffic area of the U.S. Capitol.

"It's an honor to have Brad and his family here in Washington," said Congressman Childers. "I am always proud to represent North Mississippi, but it is a special honor to witness the potential of young constituents and the great talents they possess. It's a great pleasure to see Brad's artwork hanging in the Capital, and I encourage him and his peers to continue practicing their craft and participating in civic activities."

Congressman Childers announced that McWhirter was the winner of this year's Congressional Art Competition in May at Tupelo's Gum Tree Museum of Art after an independent panel judged more than 90 two-dimensional artwork entries from First District high school students. As part of his award, McWhirter is also eligible for a \$1,500 per year scholarship to a prestigious art college.

*A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit [www.childers.house.gov](http://www.childers.house.gov)*

